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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

#### Twenty-Sixth Session

#### TRACEABILITY/PRODUCT TRACING AS A TOOL WITHIN A FOOD INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

(Comments of Burundi, European Union, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco and Uganda)

#### Burundi

Burundi appreciates the work done by EWG to consider the merits of undertaking new work to revise and update the existing Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing to create robust traceability systems.

Burundi also supports the undertaking of the new work to revise and update the existing *Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool Within a Food Inspection and Certification System* (CXG 60-2006).

#### European Union

*Mixed Competence*

*European Union Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the United States and the United Kingdom for preparing a very useful discussion paper on traceability.

The EUMS consider traceability as one of the key components of effective national food control systems as it allows for timely identification of sources of food safety emergencies and for effective recall of affected products. Traceability is also important for the control food fraud and for maintaining consumer confidence on food supply.

It would be timely to revisit and review *Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System* (CXG 60-2006) to ensure that they remain valid and to introduce further practical guidance on how to develop and implement effective systems for traceability. Therefore, the EUMS support CCFICS to undertake new work on traceability. As for the scope of the new work, it should cover the entire food chain, i.e. it should allow to trace back and forth all the movements of food, feed and food-producing animals through all stages of production, processing and distribution.

#### Ghana

**Position:** Ghana supports undertaking the new work to revise and update the existing Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System (CXG 60-2006).

#### Mauritius

Mauritius wishes to express its thanks to the United States of America and the United Kingdom for the work done on this document. We take note of the findings and the work done by the EWG and support undertaking new work to revise and update the existing Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection

and Certification System (CXG 60-2006). Furthermore, Mauritius supports further discussion at CCFICS26 lunch seminar to build further understanding of the subject ahead of committee discussion.

#### **Morocco**

Le Maroc tient à remercier les États-Unis d'Amérique (président) et le Royaume-Uni (coprésident) pour leur effort de gestion du GTE et du rendu actuel. Le Maroc a participé dans ledit GTE et enregistre avec satisfaction les conclusions du travail effectué par le GTE. Le Maroc souligne sa volonté pour continuer à travailler dans le GTE et soutient d'entreprendre de nouveaux travaux pour réviser et actualiser les Principes applicables à la traçabilité/le traçage des produits en tant qu'outil dans un système d'inspection et de certification des aliments (CXG 60-2006).

#### **Uganda**

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Uganda also supports the undertaking of the new work to revise and update the existing *Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool Within a Food Inspection and Certification System* (CXG 60-2006)